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Sunday Evng. May 25/79

My dear Love. I did want to
write to you last night - & to
come but - you - but I forebore.
only to be with you - It was
not that there was anything
to say I had not said before - or
tried to say - & if I had failed
then there was no reason I
should not fail again.

I found your timely repulsion
last evng. When I went to turn
the clock. & it - ought - be
found the key to all my
mutual good behavior & day.
(I feel mean & unpardonable
as regards this last sentence)
you shall hear my beloved.
I donned to begin with this
orn. woolen shirt - & drawers.
tho I knew that I do!
far! - threatened in the skin.
then I inter-garmented in
my semi-winter flannel
sack. & carried a water.

At last the door is open.

proof on my arm. There
being as you say no friend
to take it - for me. Going in
a great hurry to secure
the car I could not think
how blessed are the privileges
of Overington in a good
cause! The open car promised
luxury. But in five minutes
I was glad of the additional
cover & silently blessed your
name & memory. There has
been indeed a little chill
all day - tho we call it warmer.
& now all well & bloom
everywhere. The farm under
Michael's good husbanding
looking better than ever before.
but the man himself gone
away on a drunken spree
& to be expelled for that cause.
He is past cure probably.
You will have seen that
Garnett died last wry. He
must have suffered greatly.
but - in short - there is

balm in Gilead - there is
rest for all. I believe he
was the man most watchful
& far-seeing of all. The sole
one - almost - who did not
make a specious utility a
cloak for compromise. You
stethernan - so called - would
insinuate such faith as Jemima
had - but such as he was.
He was the one man to save
a nation. How foolish to
oppose - everybody now will
do it.

I have invited
Miss Davis to come here
Wednesday evng. but it seems
likely that the funeral will
take place about that time
& if it looks practicable
that is - if one should not
be turned aside by the crowd,
I may go. in which case
it might be better to delay
my little enter.

I have invited Mrs. Child
for the free religious

days - but I doubt if she
comes. These obsequies may
bring her, as well as Mrs.
Chapman - but as yet I know
nothing. The bronze-making
senator has written to say
that he will call this week
if I wish to talk further of
the business. Apparently (not
having heard from me) he fears
I shall slip thro. his fingers.
I went into the Bartol's party
even. They were sitting in a
kind of transitional discomfort
among their pecked up
furniture - but do not go
until next Thursday.

I shall keep this until after
yours is come. & I will obey
you my own dearest in all
things. I will not send again
until next Monday. - This from
outside & back of me, how can
I send you such when my inmost
heart & life turn to you? - but
now - Good night.

Mrs H. says she misses you every
day & hour. All goes on well. - The
dear Mrs. Bartol calls our estate. The
convalescent home.

Monday evg. (Gone to
promise the little letter
came - I waited some time
till the postman came to
the door - I have a fine
night & am very cheerful
by reason thereof. I will
confess I have not as yet
been out this day. At 12
Mrs. Chapman came & she
stayed to dinner - After that
I went to work & did not
get dressed till 6. time.
from 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - not
unexcusable for me.
Considering my long intermission.
Mr. Chapman is leaving
a very serious illness - A
letter from Mr. Jay written
Sat. was full of despair -
fortunately it did not reach
her until after a telegram
this A.M. announcing that
he was much better & that
there was no necessity for her
to go on to Dr. Y. Still she must

be very anxious. She intends
coming up to Garrison's funeral
& if so will pass the night here.
Probably the time will be
announced tomorrow. It is to be
from his house. Mrs. Child
is not coming up - I have
a letter from her today, a brief
& interesting one - In the course
of it she says, "I hope they
will have a pleasant & suc-
cessful meeting at the Free
Religious Convention, even if it
serves no other purpose than to
make the Rev. Cook's falsehood
more apparent. I think that
man is an embodied Trinity
of knave, ignoramus & lunatic
& which is the father & which
is the son is more than I can
tell." Mrs. C. sends love to you.

It is good beloved to hear
that you found all well. I
trust what you call stupidity
is only that & not lack of
vigor, next I want to hear that
you are well - & now get out
for a little walk & shall run
into Mrs. Russell's. I shall go out
very day after this - My own Dear

Affectionate remembrance to you & yours